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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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TAGS: PINT, AS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCANDAL

1. THERE MAY BE DEVELOPING IN MANILA AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SCANDAL WHICH COULD BREAK LABOR PARTY MONOPOLY ON SENSATIONAL PRESS PLAY. AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN NAMED SUSAN PEACOCK, WHO SAYS SHE IS THE WIFE OF AUSTRALIAN

FOREIGN SECRETARY ANDREW PEACOCK, SHOWED UP HERE YESTERDAY IN COMPANY OF A FLASHY ENGLISH TYPE NAMED SANGSTER, WHO CLAIMS TO OPERATE THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL LOTTERY. THE COUPLE SAY THEY HAVE "ELOPED" ALTHOUGH EACH ADMITS TO BEING OTHERWISE MARRIED, EACH WITH THREE CHILDREN.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER MR. SANGSTER HAS MERELY TAKEN THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S WIFE WITH HIM AS HE LEFT AUSTRALIA, OR WHETHER HE HAS ALSO TAKEN SOME OF THE STATE LOTTERY FUNDS, BUT IF THESE PEOPLE ARE WHO THEY SAY THEY ARE, IT WOULD BE NATURAL FOR SUCH SUSPICIONS TO ARISE. LOCAL DENIZENS WHO HAVE MET THE PEACOCKS PREVIOUSLY VOUCH FOR MS. SUSAN'S IDENTITY.

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3. WE WILL CHECK THIS STORY WITH AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY LATER  
TODAY, BUT WOULD, IN MEANTIME, APPRECIATE ANY COMMENT  
OR CONFIRMATION THAT CANBERRA MAY HAVE ON THIS EPISODE.  
SANGSTER AND SUSAN ARE CUTTING RATHER WIDE SWATH IN  
LOCAL JET-SET, WHO ARE TITILLATED BY SHADES OF JULIE  
MOROSI.  
SULLIVAN

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